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## CHAPTER 1.1.1.

## ANIMAL WELFARE DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of the *Aquatic Code*, the following definitions apply:

- **Anaesthesia** means a state whereby an *aquatic animal* is insensitive to sensory inputs.
- **Aquatic animal carcass** means the body/trunk of an *aquatic animal* subsequent to killing or death that requires safe disposal.
- **Aquatic animal offal/waste** means the whole or parts of an *aquatic animal* and *aquatic animal products* not approved for human consumption including sludge and sieve material collected during slaughtering.
- **Aquatic animal technician** means a person with knowledge regarding the behaviour and needs of live *aquatic animals* which, with appropriate experience and a professional and positive response to the welfare requirements of *aquatic animals*, results in effective management and good welfare. Their competence should be demonstrated through independent assessment and certification.
- **Aquatic animals for killing** means *aquatic animals* that are killed on site or transported to a suitable location for killing, for disease control purposes.
- **Boat** means a *vessel* constructed or adapted for the transport or temporary holding on water of live *aquatic animals* and their products, and includes well-boats, barges, and boats with tanks on deck.
- **Crustaceans** means crabs, crayfish, lobsters, prawns and shrimps.
- **Death** means irreversible loss of brain activity in fish, and demonstrable loss of sensation in crustaceans.
- **Fish** means live freshwater, estuarine or seawater finfish of any kind.
- **Harvest** means the removal of *fish* from their environment for human consumption.
- **Humane killing** means either immediate death, or death preceded either by immediate unconsciousness or by unconsciousness induced without pain, fear or adverse behaviour.
- **Killing** means any procedure which causes the death of an *aquatic animal*.

- **Mass destruction** means an emergency destruction and disposal of a population of *aquatic animals* for disposal.
- **Slaughtering** means the killing and/or processing of *fish*, with or without sedation/bleeding, for human consumption.
- **Stocking density** means, in the case of *aquatic animals*, the number or body weight of *aquatic animals* per unit area or per unit volume of water on a *vehicle* or a tank.
- **Stunning** means any mechanical, electrical, chemical or other procedure which causes the loss of consciousness which lasts until death.
- **Transport equipment** means the compartment in which live *aquatic animals* and transporting water are kept during transport (buckets, cylinders, tanks, wells, etc.), and associated equipment such as water circulation devices, pumps, water treatment equipment, water filtration devices and systems for loading and unloading live fish, valves, tubes and pipelines.
- **Transport unit** means the combination of the transport equipment and the *vehicle/vessel*.
- **Travel means** the movement of a *vehicle/vessel* or container carrying live *aquatic animals* from one location to another.
- **Vehicle/vessel** means any train, truck, automobile, airplane, helicopter or *boat* that is used for the transport of live *aquatic animals*.
- **Visual evoked response (VER)** means test that evaluates the conduction of electrical impulses from the optic nerve to the occipital cortex of the brain.
- **Water quality parameters** means its physical, chemical and biological characteristics.